



FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

7th February 2023

PRESENT: Cllr Mark Thorpe (Chairman)

Councillor Alan Biggs
Councillor Charmaine Crossley
Councillor Lindsey Dedden
Councillor Sandra Grove

Councillor Simon Gibson
Councillor Rev'd J. Macro
Councillor Kate Stephens

In Attendance: Carrie Lloyd, Town Clerk

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243/22/23 **Public Questions**

There were none.

244/22/23 **Minutes of the meeting held 17th January 2023**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

245/22/23 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Philip Mann, Toni Coombs, Andy Maw, Spencer Flower, Matthew Parker, Pat Morrow, Carol Traves and Jane Russell.

246/22/23 **Declarations of Interest**

None

247/22/23 **HEALTH AND SAFETY RISK MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**

Members noted the draft Risk Management Statement as circulated. The Clerk was requested to amend the Hazard of computer files being lost to state that the Control Measure was a daily backup and Cloud based hosting.

RECOMMENDED that subject to the above amendment, the risk Management Statement be agreed.

(Action; Town Clerk)

248/22/23 **BUDGET FOR HONORARY FREEMEN CEREMONY**

Members noted the cost of scrolls etc and proposed plans to host a reception for up to 65 people at Crane Valley Golf Course **RECOMMENDED** that a provisional date of 21st April in the evening be made and a budget of £3,000 created from Reserves to fund the celebration.

(Action; Town Clerk)

249/22/23 **FUNDING FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE – VERWOOD BRASS BAND**

Members noted that fund raising for treating the subsidence to the Band Hall was progressing very well. The current quote of £160K was valid until May 2023. **RECOMMENDED** that CIL funding of £25,000 be offered to the Band Hall Repair Fund in view of the significant community contribution that all of the Brass Bands make to the Community of Verwood.

(Action; Town Clerk)

250/22/23 **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Members noted the payments made in January.
Members noted the Interim Review of the Effectiveness of the System of Internal Control. Members noted that Heelis & Lodge were recommended to carry out the 2023 Internal Audit and **RECOMMENDED** their appointment to Council.

(Action; Town Clerk)

251/22/23 **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Medium Term Financial Plan
- Update on the Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Control
- Cllr Dedden advised Members that DAPTC Larger Councils meeting was taking place via Zoom on Friday 10th February and she would arrange invitations for any Councillor interested in attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.53 p.m.

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Chairman